

# Hongkong Telegraph

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... 2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... 251,093-15-0

**BANKERS:**  
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.  
HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

**BRANCHES:**  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI.

**AGENCIES:**  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF INTEREST.**  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.  
Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... 1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... 1,185,000

**BANKERS:**  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " "  
" 3 " ..... 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... 1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Hongkong.  
Chau Kih Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
H. Stollmeyer, Esq.,

Chief Manager:  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and  
Amoy.

**BANKERS:**—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 3 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

**Auctions.**

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS, NUNS'  
VEILING, SERGE, EMBROIDERY, FLOUN-  
CING, LACES, COTTON AND SILK HAND-  
KERCHIEFS, BOOTS AND SHOES, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
ON  
SATURDAY, the 17th March, 1894,  
commencing at 2-30 P.M.,  
at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,  
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS,  
Comprising:  
FINE FRENCH WOOL MATERIALS,  
CASHMERE, TWEEDS, SERGES, &c. for  
SPRING WEAR in SUIT LENGTHS,  
SOCKS, SINGLETS, &c.  
Also,  
LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS,  
Comprising:  
SPRING DRESS MATERIALS, NUNS'  
VEILING, SERGE, EMBROIDERY, FLOUN-  
CING, LACES, COTTON AND SILK HAND-  
KERCHIEFS, BOOTS AND SHOES, &c.  
On View from Friday, the 16th instant.  
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1894. [345]

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE  
AND EFFECTS,  
(The Property of a well-known Resident  
leaving the Colony)  
AT SALE ROOMS, 17, PRINCE CENTRAL,  
ON  
SATURDAY next, March 17th, 1894,  
AT 2-30 P.M.,  
Comprising:—  
DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM and  
BED-ROOMS, SUITES, EASY CHAIRS, HAND-  
SOME SIDEBOARD and OVERMANTEL,  
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, CABINET,  
DINNER WAGON, DINNER SERVICE,  
BRASS AND IRON BEDSTEADS, MARBLE TOP,  
WASHSTANDS, CARPETS, PICTURES,  
ORNAMENTS, CURTAINS, ELECTRO-  
PLATED and GLASS WARE, COOKING  
STOVE, ICE CHEST, MEAT SAFE, &c., &c.  
Also for Sundry Accounts:—  
A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
NEW and SECOND-HAND CABINET  
FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.  
On View Friday and Saturday.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
SALE TERMS:—As customary.  
A. E. SKELLS & Co.,  
Auctioneers & Valuers.  
Office, 17, Prince Central,  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1894. [346]

**Notices of Firms.**

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. P. P.  
KARANJA, of CANTON, is authorised  
from and after this date to sign through Bills of  
Lading on behalf of the above-named Company.  
By Order,  
H. U. JEFFRIES,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1894. [347]

**Insurances.**

THE  
STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-  
AGES of this form of Assurance, the  
following may be mentioned:—  
(a)—It secures an immediate Provision  
for wife and family or other re-  
latives in event of early death.  
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.  
(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment  
for the regular accumulation of  
small fixed sums of money.  
(d)—The Surrender and loan values are  
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN  
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—  
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-  
continue future payments—he will  
be entitled to receive, on application,  
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a  
proportionate amount of the Sum  
Assured, as explained in the Pros-  
pectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.  
S. J. DAVID & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 ..... \$833,333-33-  
EQUAL TO ..... \$833,333-33-  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000-00-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER:—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December 1893. [97]

**Intimations.**

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be  
received at the R. N. HOSPITAL until 11  
A.M. on the 21st March, 1894, from Persons  
desirous of Supplying BEEF, MUTTON,  
FOWLS, BREAD, PURE COWS' MILK,  
STERILIZED WATERS, ICE and other Provi-  
sions and necessaries for the year ending 31st  
March, 1895.  
Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, will also be  
received for the HOSPITAL WASHING.  
Printed Forms of Tender and further particu-  
lars can be obtained at the R. N. HOSPITAL.  
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender  
is reserved.  
THOS. H. KNOTT,  
Dep. Insp. General.  
R. N. Hospital,  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1894. [349]

**WANTED**  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PERAK.  
FOR SERVICE, in the State of Perak,  
THREE INTERPRETERS, Two on a  
salary of \$500 and One on a salary of \$250 per  
annum, on the fixed establishment.  
The necessary qualifications are:—  
I. That the applicant shall possess a good  
knowledge of Chinese character, and  
ability to translate Chinese Bills,  
Accounts, Letters, &c., into accurate  
English. (No one who cannot pass  
this test need apply).  
II. That he shall be able to speak and  
write English correctly.  
III. That he shall know at least two dialects of  
Chinese. For two of the appointments  
Cantonese and Khek are essential and  
for the other Teichu.  
Talping, 21st February, 1894. [340]

**NOTICE.**  
WANTED a well educated CANTONESE  
CHINAMAN of good address with  
experience amongst Steamship and Machinery  
Owners in the neighbourhood of Canton; know-  
ledge of English being an advantage. Good  
salary to the right man.  
Apply first by letter only to  
F. WALKER,  
Vacuum Oil Company,  
14, Wyndham Street,  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1894. [348]

**Intimations.**

THE ART OF DRAWN WORK.  
Pencil Engineer's Pocket Diary, 1894.  
Our Ocean Railway.  
Churchill's Men, Mines & Animals, South Africa.  
An Indian Eye on English Life.  
Hunting American Big Game.  
Price's Arctic Ocean to Yellow Sea.  
Round the Works of Our Great Railways.  
The Heavenly Twins.  
Montezuma's Daughter, by Rider Haggard.  
Engineering Drawing and Design.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1894. [40]

**Intimations.**

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Praya  
Central, on SATURDAY, 17th March, at NOON,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and  
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 2nd to 17th March, both  
days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1894. [294]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFAC-  
TURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, Praya  
Central, on SATURDAY, 17th March, at 12-30  
P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the General Managers, declaring a Dividend,  
and electing a Consulting Committee and  
Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 2nd to 17th March,  
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1894. [295]

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM  
DIVIDEND at the rate of FIVE PER  
CENT. per Annum, has been DECLARED by  
the Directors of the above Company on the  
Underwriting Account for 1893, and will be  
PAYABLE at SINGAPORE on 2nd April, 1894.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED  
from 23rd March to 2nd April, both days inclu-  
sive.  
By Order of the Directors,  
W. MACBEAN,  
Agent,  
Hongkong Branch.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1894. [310]

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 46.

BLASTING IN STEAMER PASSAGE  
CAMBRIDGE REACH HARBOR.

NOTICE is hereby given that ELASTIC  
OPERATIONS are about to be carried  
on for a short time in the Steamer (South) regis-  
tered of the CAMBRIDGE REACH HARBOR  
in the Whampoa Channel of the Canton River.  
Whenever it may be necessary to close the  
passage to navigation a Red Flag will be  
hoisted on a pole at the North side of the pass-  
age and another at the masthead of the Flagstaff  
at the Customs Signal Station on the hill on  
Dane's Island. So long as these Red Flags  
remain flying, Vessels bound to Whampoa must  
not approach the Barrier nearer than half a mile,  
and those bound to Canton must proceed by the  
Blenheim (or Back) Reach.

J. H. MAY,  
Harbour Master.

Approved,  
E. B. DREW,  
Commissioner of Customs.  
Custom House,  
Canton, 6th March, 1894. [337]

NOTICE TO TOBACCO PLANTERS  
AND OTHERS.

THE NEW CENTRAL BORNEO COM-  
PANY, LIMITED, being Owners of a  
large quantity of Land in North Borneo, which  
has been especially selected for PLANTING  
TOBACCO, SUGAR and COFFEE, are willing  
to SELL LEASES, free of rent for 999 years, of  
said Lands in blocks of about 5,000 acres, or  
they will grant Leases of the same for 21 years  
in blocks of 1,000 acres.  
It is believed that the best Crops and the best  
price for same have been obtained for Tobacco  
grown in the Klabatagan District, immedi-  
ately adjoining a large block of this Company's  
land.  
For further particulars, application should be  
made to the Company's Agents  
Messrs. BOUSTEAD & Co.,  
Singapore.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.  
SATURDAY, MARCH 17th, 1894,  
at 2-45 P.M.  
COMPETITION LONG RANGE CUP and  
SPOONS' Ranges 800 and 900 yards;  
Test Shots at each distance. Entrance fee 30  
cents.  
Gentlemen willing to act as Range Officers  
on any or all of the three days of the Annual  
Meeting, viz. 23rd, 24th and 25th instant, are  
requested to kindly communicate with the Under-  
signed.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1894. [46]

**NOTICE.**

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the  
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART  
MAATSCHAPPIJ,  
are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to  
Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast)  
Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New  
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through  
Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the  
Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1289]

J. W. KEW & CO'S  
STEAM WATER BOATS.  
PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS and  
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of  
TITAM FILTERED WATER offered by  
J. W. KEW & Co., also to the Advantages  
derived from their being able to Supply their  
Water 1st class from the time occupied by the  
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.  
No impeding the loading or discharging of  
Cargo.  
Call flag "W." Commercial Code.  
J. W. KEW & Co.,  
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [1684]

**Intimations.**

NOTICE is hereby given that I, who have  
hitherto been known as ISAAC EZRA  
OBADAYA, will from to-day adopt and be  
known under my proper family name of ISAAC  
EZRA ELLIS.  
ISAAC EZRA ELLIS.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [328]

**NOTICE.**

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE  
will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the  
9th instant, under new and experienced manage-  
ment.  
The STRICTEST ATTENTION will be  
paid to the CUISINE.  
A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially  
selected servants has been engaged and will be  
under the immediate supervision of the Manager.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [198]

NGAI SHANG,  
23, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE  
of Every Description.  
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,  
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.  
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.  
Also  
Rattan Cane, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and  
Sundries of all kinds.  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [39]

**Intimations.**

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
WINE and SPIRIT  
MERCHANTS,  
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND  
GLASGOW.  
17, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 24th August 1893. [26]

**Shipping.**

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR "WATOW."

THE Company's Steamship

"FOK FN."

Captain D. W. will be despatched for the above  
Port TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1894. [350]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-  
TION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN  
GOVERNMENT.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIA."

Captain G. Costanzi, will leave for the above  
places on or about FRIDAY, the 16th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [327]

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND  
BOMBAY.

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU."

Captain Thiele, will be despatched on or about  
TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1894. [348]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, BREMEN AND  
HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"SPONDILUS."

Captain N. Hocken, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on or about the 26th March.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1894. [294]

**Consignees.**

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship  
"PERU."

The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-  
side.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.  
J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1894. [1]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MOGUL."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA  
AND KOBE.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Consi-  
gnees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading for Countersigna-  
ture, and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods from alongside.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1894. [14]

**Intimations.**

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated; open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [229]

**DAWSON'S PERFECTION  
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.**

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,  
68, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.  
SHIPS' STORES.  
WINES, SPIRITS, STOUT, ALE, LIQUEURS.

TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND REAM" WHISKY.  
NAPIER JOHNSTON'S HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
ADET SEWARD & Co.'s BORDEAUX WINES.  
SACCORIES SHERRIES.  
HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s AND JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKIES.  
COATES' PLYMOUTH GIN.  
HOBOKEN DE BIE & Co.'s HOLLANDS.  
VERMOUTH, RUM, GINGER WINE, CHERRY BRANDY.  
CIGARS and TOBACCOS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1894. [30]

**CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI.**

Electric Lighting  
throughout  
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—  
"CENTRAL,"  
SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the  
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath  
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid  
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.  
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.  
An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.**

NOW READY,  
TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

DOLLAR AND STERLING  
EXCHANGE TABLES

FROM 1s. 0d. to 1s. 11d.

FORMING A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE TABLES

Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [5]



## For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

## NOW READY.



(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDIA-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND CORREA, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

## PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found THE CHEAPEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND MOST RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND EVER PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Vladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Coochin-China, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony of Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics, taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 contains a carefully revised

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG; A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, The latest and only reliable PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements, AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A CHAPTER ON SPORT gives all statistics up to date regarding the Derby, St. Leger and other great events, Athletic records, the WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, making "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *valuable* *volume* for all classes of sportsmen.

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## BIRTH.

At Queen's Gardens, No. 3, on the 19th inst., the wife of J. LAURE, of a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Marquis of Salisbury urged the Government to take the verdict of the country on Home Rule forthwith, maintaining that delay is dangerous alike to England and Ireland. Earl Rosebery stated that the Government is quite prepared to appeal to the country on Home Rule when the proper time arrives to do so, but will not concede to the House of Lords the right to force dissolution upon Parliament.

## THE SIAMESE QUESTION.

The Earl of Rosebery says that the same phase in the negotiations between France and Great Britain as to Siam has passed over, and that the Home Government is fully alive to the fact that the commerce of Siam is almost entirely British.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Redpoll* arrived here from Takao (Formosa) to-day.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver on Wednesday morning last.

It may interest "oil men" to learn that the German steamer *Talis* which arrived here to-day from Delly brought a cargo of Langkat oil.

The four-masted ship *Swagatama* has been chartered to load 95,000 cases of oil at New York for Hongkong at 17 cents, or Japan at 18 cents each.

OWING to extreme pressure on our news columns a report of the successful smoking concert held at the Rooms of the B. M. M. O. A. is held over till to-morrow.

THE Steamboat Company's vessels are just now doing double duty owing to the China Navigation Co.'s Canton "day boat" Hankow being in dock for a general overhaul.

"THE Private Secretary" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night at 9 o'clock. This is one of the London Lyric Co.'s strongest comedies, and ought to attract a large audience.

Miss Sophia McNeil, who was for many years a missionary in the Far East, is the founder and manager of the present time of the Chicago Home for unemployed young women.

WE note that the German steamer *Chilaka* (Messrs. Melchers & Co. agents) has "chipped in" on the Hongkong and Manila route, a trade which has long been practically monopolised by the China and Manila Steamship Company, E. & S. J. M. & Co.

A SERIES of interesting experiments in telephony were carried out recently in India. Direct telephonic communication has now been established between Calcutta and Nagpur, a distance of 760 miles, and messages were successfully interchanged between the two stations.

SOME one says wisely that a Norway bride is the best sort of a bride because a woman can never become one of those interesting beings unless she can take bread. But even this requisite does not help the bridegroom out any, for the rule does not obligate her to bake it well.

THE returns made by the Finance Department of Japan show the amount of Government paper money and bank notes in circulation on the 1st February last, independent of the convertible notes of the Nippon Ginko, to have been 35,599,490 yen, a decrease of 374,400 yen in Government notes, and of 333,110 yen in bank notes as compared with the corresponding date of the preceding month.

NOTWITHSTANDING the efforts of the Straits Government to encourage the cultivation of rice in Selangor, it is said that it will be many a long year before more than a mere fraction of the grain required for the mining population of that State will be raised in the country, which must continue to depend on the importation of principal food stuff from foreign countries, which would be liable to interruption in case of war.

THREE cargoes of Miko coal from Japan were discharging at San Francisco when the last steamer left, and the ship *Lord Downshire* arrived from Kuchino on February 6th with 3,500 tons more, and the report that four additional ships were under charter to load and get away last month. It has all been sold in cargo lots to the gas companies, who find it, says an American contemporary, at least two-candle power richer in gas than the Australian coal.

A RATHER queer story comes from France, telling how a family consisting of the father, mother and daughter committing suicide by the aid of landanum and charcoal fumes. The family belonged to the commercial middle classes, and were supposed to be well-off, whether it was a case of insanity or poverty it seems never to have been discovered—report says poverty! Among their belongings a document was found, which in reality was a contract of death signed by all the members of the family.

THE result of Dr. King's examination of the gold field in the Wuntho district of Upper Burma has, says an exchange, been a sad disappointment to more than one would-be promoter in Rangoon, who had hoped that Wuntho would prove a Borneo Eldorado. The gold found was mainly alluvial, though some veins of insignificant size were also discovered; but the net result of Dr. King's examination is that the field would probably not pay the cost of working. This is all the more disappointing to those who hoped for a boom in Wuntho gold, as some of the first samples brought down to Rangoon yielded extraordinarily rich results on assay. But the promoters' blithe has produced fits in other parts of the world than Burma—for a time. The investing public in Rangoon may count themselves fortunate that their disappointment in the case of Wuntho has not been accompanied by a reduction in their bank balances.

THE Shanghai mandarin having recently received a despatch from the Governor of this province at Soochow, allowing them to punish in the full extent of the law all merchants and shopmen who fail to pay money to the native bankers, the magistrates of the City and Whangpoo Courts on both sides of the Yangki-pang have accordingly issued notices to the local native banks, granting them permission to bring on their complaints, when every assistance will be afforded on the part of the law to satisfy their claims against those who may have borrowed from them and try to get rid of their responsibility. This, says the *N. C. Daily News*, used to be just the other way, and merchants were more generally protected from the bankers than otherwise; but it seems that a large class of bankers which filed at the end of the Chinese year has shown such palpable proofs of an attempt to defraud the banks in Soochow, that it has brought down the wrath of the Governor on all borrowers, and if his anger continues it will go hard with many a native merchant in Kiangsu in the future.

A JAP. vernacular newspaper has discovered a model policeman whose virtues are praised in the following brief sketch:—Otsuka Hoshiku is fifty years of age. He entered the "force" on January 17th, 1880. Since that date he has never been absent from duty, and has received many rewards for his "good" conduct. He has never once failed to attend the meetings or classes at which the officers of his station study law, fencing, swimming and shooting; and on no occasion has he ever been found fault with. He is kind, and if that is not enough, he is likewise loyal; moreover he is tall and fat. He is in the finest health, "doesn't know what sickness is," and he has a great liking for *reka*, though he has never made a mistake while under its influence. He uses cold water for his ablutions every day, and he never smokes. He never eats *reka*, and he does not smoke. It seems permissible to conclude, negatively from a review of Mr. Otsuka's traits, that he is a bachelor and that he plays poker. Life therefore is not altogether gloomy.

THE St. Patrick's dance at the City Hall to-morrow night at 9.30.

VISCOUNT Aoki, late Japanese Minister to Berlin, now accredited to the British Court, vice Viscount Kawase, has telegraphed to the Foreign Department, Tokyo, of his pleasant reception by the Queen, when he presented his credentials on the 24th ult.

THE passengers on board the "Allan" Line steamer *Corsan*, running between Glasgow and New York, lately experienced something new. When it was discovered that the ship had sprung a leak, they were drafted off in gangs and set to work pumping the water out.

MEHR MAHOMED and Mahomed Sher, privates of the Hongkong Regiment, were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions by the police magistrate this morning, the crime with which they are charged being that of conspiring to cause the murder of a *haukidee* of the Hongkong Regiment on the 18th of January.

MR. YOSUMURA HARUTAKA, late governor of Ishikawajima Prison, Tokyo, was recently arrested on a charge of fraud or embezzlement while holding his late appointment, and was at once handed over to the Tokyo District Court for examination. It is believed that five or six other officials of the prison are implicated as accomplices of Mr. Yosumura.

GOLF players will be glad to see by the home papers that a Scotchman, Mr. Auchterlonie, has carried off this year's professional championship of Great Britain, while a young St. Andrew's student has taken the amateur championship. This is just as it ought to be, for the game has been the national Scotch game for centuries, and it is only fitting that Scotchmen should hold the palm, although for two or three years the honours have been acquired by those living south of the Tweed.

JAPANESE exchanges give information of the wholesale circulation of counterfeit coin in that country. It appears that the Government, alive to the seriousness of the situation, have instituted thorough investigations, and as a result it has been almost conclusively proved that the coin is manufactured in Hongkong and exported thence in foreign steamers. Five different types of coin have been discovered, and one is especially difficult to detect. In this genuine coin is taken, and by some means the inside is removed, the two faces of the coin being left intact. The vacant space is then filled with some composition as nearly as possible approaching the true weight of the *yen*, and when the work is completed, it is next to impossible to distinguish it from the real model. This is a very old dodge in China and led to the custom of "chopping" dollars.

THE report of the Committee, appointed to enquire into the system of vernacular education in Penang, has been issued. Since 1872 the number of vernacular schools has increased from 17 to about 190, and pupils presented from 500 to 5,000. The total cost, borne by Government, has likewise increased to \$68,000, estimated for 1893. The Committee valued 34 per cent. of the schools. They found that reading and writing in the Arabic character, are sufficiently well taught in all the schools; that elementary geography and arithmetic are fairly good in the Singapore and Malacca schools, but weak in Penang and Province Wellesley; that reading and writing Malay in the Romanized character is being taught with success in the Singapore and Malacca schools; and that a small proportion of the boys are annually presented in subjects such as physical geography, sanitation, agriculture.

THERE is in Sweden a monster copper mine which has a unique record, says *La Petite Revue*. It has been worked without interruption for 800 years. For the last 261 years—since the beginning of 1633—a proper account has been kept of the copper obtained from it; this is quite exceptional, and it is doubtful whether there is any other mine for which the output is known for so extended a period. The old Swedish chronicles of 1293 tell us that the "Store-Kooper-berget" (the great copper mountain) yielded a large revenue. In 1633, the first year for which there are any precise particulars, the output was 1,336 metric tons; the largest yield was in 1650, when the figures were 3,445. After 1650 the output decreased slowly, only occasionally exceeding 1,000 tons, and in 1891 only 277 tons were obtained. In 1900 this mine produced enough copper to have met the requirements of the whole civilized world. The mine was in the hands of the Government for years, and was profitable. It now belongs to a company. It is estimated that the total amount of copper obtained from this mine in 800 years is 200,000 tons, which, at an average value of £28 per ton, means more than £5,600,000.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir Riddell Clark, Chief Justice.)

March 15th.

## THE NATIONAL BANK CASE.

The National Bank of China, Ltd., sued Him Ki Ahm for £4,400 odd, calls on shares, and interest. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. Wright (Mr. V. H. Dracoon's office) were for plaintiffs, and Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Mr. B. Bowley (Mr. H. L. Denney's office) was for defendants. Mr. Robinson, at the preliminary point raised by Mr. Robinson, asked the Chief Justice to order that the plaintiff's claim should not be tried in this Court nor in any other native court, his lordship decided in favour of the plaintiffs, with costs.

The case was then adjourned to enable defendants to file an amended answer within twenty-eight days.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—Sir W. Robinson (Governor); Mr. G. T. M. O'Brien (Colonial Secretary); Mr. W. H. Goodman (Attorney General); Mr. J. H. Stewart (Registrar-General); Mr. R. M. Rumsey (Harbour Master); Mr. E. Bowdler (acting Director of Public Works); Mr. N. J. Mitchell (Colonial Treasurer); Messrs. C. P. Chater, T. H. Whitehead, J. J. Kewick, E. R. Bellis, and Ho Kai, unofficial members.

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

## PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Fire Brigade report for 1893, and the despatch of the Secretary of State dealing with the Po Lawing case, also a telegram from the British Minister at Tokyo acknowledging the Council's congratulations on the Mikado's silver wedding.

## VICTORIA GARDEN STAFF.

Mr. Bellis gave notice to ask what the Government would do to improve the status of the Victoria Garden staff.

reply at once. The goal needed a better staff, but the colony could not afford to incur fresh expense; a Retrenchment Commission would very soon be at work, and meanwhile nothing was to be done. The Governor intended very shortly to appoint a Retrenchment Commission, and one question for it to consider would be the state of the goal staff.

## THE OPTUM FARM.

Mr. Whitehead said he was surprised to learn that this was the final meeting of the Session; he had intended to give notice to move for an inquiry into the Optum Farm, which was to be removed next year, at probably a lower cost. The Colonial Secretary explained that there was very little work left for the Council, and it might be finished to-day. The Governor intended going on leave next week.

RETRENCHING THE REGISTER-GENERAL. In reply to a question notified by Mr. Whitehead, the Colonial Secretary read the Registrar-General's statement, that some retrenchment had already been made, and as to other items suggested by the late-acting Registrar-General, opportunities had not yet occurred.

## DRAINS.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead the Colonial Secretary read a detailed statement of work done and work remaining to be done at the drainage system. Practically less than one third of the drains had yet been put in order under the "separate system," but as far as could be judged the system was satisfactory. The death rate was 31 in 1888, and now 22.

## THE POST OFFICE.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead, the Colonial Secretary read a statement of expenditure and revenue in the Post Office during recent years.

## NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead the Colonial Secretary stated that the present treasury, post office, court and land office buildings would probably be worth \$300,000 if sold at auction, and the cost of new buildings on the Praya Reclamation would be about \$240,000, exclusive of land.

## RIVER STEAMERS AND OPTUM.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead the Colonial Secretary said the petition as to the "smuggling preventive service" had been sent to the Secretary of State.

## OFFICIAL SALARIES.

The Colonial Secretary moved that members of the Civil Service on certain conditions be granted an extra allowance in view of the fall in exchange. He pointed out the serious hardship of the position; he himself was now actually getting less than he did eighteen years ago, though many times promoted. The official members would not vote on this motion.

The Colonial Treasurer formally seconded the resolution. Mr. Chater moved an amendment, to the effect that nothing could be done until after the Retrenchment Commission had reported. The fall in exchange was no doubt very hard on the public servants, but it was just as hard on the Colony's finances, which now already showed a big deficit since the Budget was framed.

Mr. Kewick seconded the amendment. Mr. Bellis supported the amendment, pointing out that Civil Servants were no different from other people, and the fall in the dollar was threatening the Colony with bankruptcy.

Dr. Ho Kai also spoke for the amendment. The Colonial Secretary replied that the Government would accept the amendment. On behalf of the Civil Service he thanked the Unofficials for their considerate remarks.

The Governor stated that he had selected for the Retrenchment Commission, Mr. E. J. A. Crook, Palace Judge, as Chairman, with Messrs. C. P. Chater, J. J. Kewick, and N. J. Ede; and Mr. Sercombe Smith would act as official secretary.

## ADJOURNMENT.

The Governor, in adjourning *sine die*, said he was leaving for Japan on the 21st March, returning in May. He hoped there would be no more work for the Council until the time for preparing estimates for 1895.

## HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. J. H. Cox presided, and there were also present Messrs. E. Jones Hughes, W. Parfitt (directors), R. Lyall (secretary), W. H. Potts, H. E. R. Hunter, V. A. C. Hawkins, J. Grant, W. H. Gaskell, J. R. Michael, C. A. O'Neil, C. S. Taylor, and J. F. C. de Rosa.

Before the notice of meeting had been read, Mr. Taylor said:—Mr. Chairman, I beg to call your attention to the fact that there are newspaper reports present. Of course we cannot blame them for coming where they are allowed; they are in search of titles and gossip; but the shame is that we allow them to be present. My contention is a perfectly simple one—that people who are not shareholders should not be allowed to attend unless they are invited by special resolution, or by a differently worded advertisement. Now I wish to speak, and I say it is simply scandalous that I cannot say a word to a fellow-shareholder without having it dumped into the newspapers.

The Chairman—The Directors wish to do that which the majority of the shareholders desire. If the majority wish the reporters to be present, I presume the reporters may remain. Therefore, I propose your proposition to the meeting. Mr. Taylor—No, sir, you have called this "meeting of shareholders." It is for the purpose of whether the shareholders desire reporters to be present.

The Chairman—I believe that all Companies, as I think you must be aware as much as I am, the shareholders desire reporters to be present.

Mr. Taylor—Perhaps the Directors do.

The Chairman—The Directors have no wish that they should be present to-day. If you decide by a majority that the reporters should not be present we will make other arrangements. Mr. Taylor—You know, there are certain forms to be gone through at meetings; a proposition might be put and seconded, and it may be carried or not carried.

Mr. Hunter—The meeting is not opened yet. I do not see how any proposition can be put.

The Chairman—We will proceed in the usual way, and Mr. Taylor, if he wishes to make any further remarks, may do so.

Mr. Hunter—If you proceed just now you proceed with the reporters present.

Mr. Hawkins—You can't do anything at all until the notice of meeting has been read. There are not sufficient shareholders present, I think.

The Chairman said there was a quorum. The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman—There seems to be no law on the subject. I should like to hear the opinion of the shareholders about reporters being present.

Mr. Hawkins—We don't want any law on the subject.

The Chairman—I can see that it is the wish of the shareholders that the reporters be present. Will you make a proposal, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor—It is not for me to make a proposal.

The Chairman—You are the principal mover in this matter at the two meetings you have attended.

Mr. Taylor—I am the principal mover, you mean. The Chairman—If you have no motion to the contrary we will follow the usual course and allow the reporters to remain. I have no desire to please you. I take it, it is the wish of the meeting that they should be present. The reporters' accounts having been in your hands for some time we will with your permission "take them as read." I have very little to say in addition to what I have already pointed out in the report, but I am happy to tell you that the number of visitors coming to the Hotel has been very favourable of late. I shall be happy to answer any questions in my power before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Taylor—With your permission I will say a few words to the shareholders. About eleven years ago, seven men, of whom I was one, met in the junior mess parlour of the old Oriental Bank, and they decided that something could be made out of this Hotel. The steps they pursued were that they attended the meeting, and they voted against the adoption of the report. The Directors then agreed to resign, and we passed the report. I propose that we adopt the same course to-day. What do you think of it? When these gentlemen took over charge of this Hotel, and—

The Chairman—May I ask what gentlemen you are referring to?

Mr. Taylor—Kerfoot Hughes, and the gentlemen of eleven years ago. These gentlemen worked up the profits of this Hotel from \$1,000 a year to \$35,000, yet they were content to take a nominal sum of \$200 gross for remuneration. I see the gentlemen on the Board at present value their services at \$1,500. Of course, they are entitled to it under the articles of association, but I think it would have been very much better if they had taken a nominal sum. There is something in this Hotel, I am satisfied. I have not been a shareholder for a number of years now. I was interested in working the Hotel when it was worked profitably but sold my shares. The other day when they were going at what I considered give-away prices I bought a few, and I believe myself these shares can be worked up to par. That is what I propose to do; not to pass the accounts till the present Board resigns. How on earth Mr. Hughes surrounded himself with such men as he has got now I do not know! What on earth is a Chinaman doing on the Board of a European call-gongee? And you, Mr. Chairman, I remember some years ago, when my old friend Mr. Cullough was Chairman and you were auditor, you said about certain shares that they ought not to be in the accounts, and here the shares again stand at something like \$11,000—something the same as it used to be. Why is not that liquidated?

The Chairman—With reference to your remark about the difference of fees eleven years ago and now, permit me to inform you that the Directors all through this year, and, I think, some time last year, have worked very hard for the Hotel, holding meetings twice a week and devoting five or six hours each week to the interests of the Company. I do not think your memory will enable you to inform us if the Directors of eleven years ago did as much as that.

Mr. Taylor—I think they did a great deal more.

The Chairman—It is not on record.

Mr. Taylor—Why, I know Mr. Kerfoot Hughes used to come to the hotel at five o'clock in the morning.







